Walk 2 Circuit of Bath - Batheaston to Brassknocker Basin

This walk is one of four that together circle Bath. This is the shortest and the only flat section of the route.



Route

Follow the picturesque Kennet & Avon canal down to the Scheduled Ancient Monument of Dundas Aqueduct which carries the canal over the River Avon.

Start: Batheaston Village W₃W - silks.epic.scale (see note at the end of the route)

Finish: Brassknocker Basin car park, off Lower Stoke. (Gates locked at 9pm in summer and 6pm in winter).

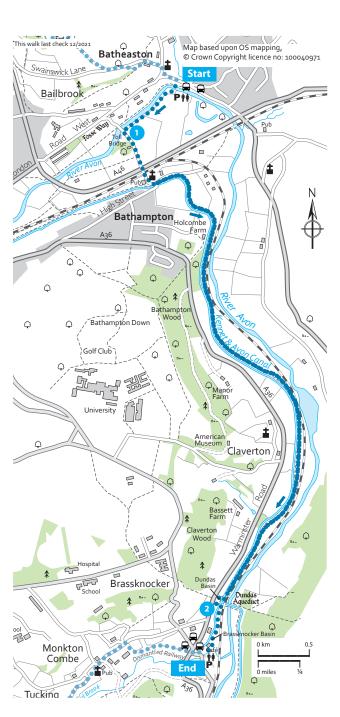
Distance: 4.3 miles / 6.9km with an up of 246 ft/75m and down of 226 ft / 69m

Terrain: Surfaced paths and pavements

Transport: Visit travelinesw.com. Buses run to Batheaston or find some limited parking in the village. Buses run to Brassknocker Hill and Warminster Road. Pay and display parking available at Brassknocker Basin car park.

Public toilets: Batheaston Public toilets (20p) and the Canal Visitor Centre at Brassknocker Basin

Refreshments: Shops and cafés in Batheaston, Bathampton Mill Pub, The George Inn and the Angelfish Café.



Look for the way markers to guide you round this route.

The Circuit of Bath is waymarked in both a clockwise and anti-clockwise direction.

These walk guides take you around in a clockwise direction.

They can be walked in any order.

Route:

From the Batheaston Riverside and Gardens car park, cross the river via the bridge which ends in a footpath. Follow this along the river, then parallel to the road until it brings you to Mill Road 1.

Turn LEFT (L) here and walk into Bathampton, passing the George Inn on your RIGHT (R). Head towards the canal at Bathampton. If you are unfamiliar with the area there is a flight of steps up to the canal next to the George Inn. Turn L along the towpath.

Carry on along the tow path until you reach the Brassknocker Basin (5km) 2. Turn R over the canal using the stone & metal bridge. Walk the short distance around the basin and then cross the mouth of the Somersetshire Coal Canal over a little drawbridge.

Turn R at the cycle path sign (to Radstock /Monkton Combe) and follow the path. Fork uphill to the Canal Visitor Centre and Angelfish Café or fork L to continue on the Circuit of Bath or to find the car park.

PLEASE NOTE IF WALKING IN THE EVENING:

The gate at the end of this path connecting you to the next section is locked at night. Times are clearly displayed at Brassknocker Basin. To work around this, follow the Limestone Link (waymarked) along the A36 until you get to the traffic lights.

Turn L down Lower Stoke (B3108) exercising extreme caution as there is no pavement here. Then turn L where the 40mph signs are and immediately L again to continue on to the Circuit of Bath passing under the road through the archway towards Monkton Combe School.

See travelinesw.com for buses heading back to Batheaston along the A₃6 or alternatively by crossing the river at Dundas Aqueduct it is possible to follow public footpaths and country roads on the east of the river and cross back at the Bathford railway bridge to reach the start point.

W₃W stands for What₃Words, which is an alternative way of specifying precise locations. You can use the W₃W app or website for free to see these locations on a map.

If you'd like to attempt the Circuit of Bath all on one day, we'd recommend you try the Julian House sponsored walk each September. If you used this resource, please consider donating to Julian House to help the work they do supporting vulnerable people.









